

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, a severe storm event beginning on the twelfth day of July, Two Thousand Fifteen, brought significant rainfall to Braxton, Webster, and Wood Counties, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, this severe storm event has caused rockslides, mudslides, and flooding, and has damaged homes, hospitals, businesses, roads, and bridges; and

WHEREAS, certain portions of Braxton, Webster, and Wood Counties have been rendered inaccessible because of public infrastructure damage; and

WHEREAS, State emergency responders were deployed in the immediate aftermath of this severe storm event, and these responders remain mobilized to, among other things, assess damage, respond to emergency circumstances, and render aid to ensure the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of Braxton, Webster, and Wood Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EARL RAY TOMBLIN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of West Virginia, and in view of the foregoing, do hereby **FIND AND DECLARE** that a State of Emergency exists in Braxton, Webster, and Wood Counties, West Virginia, said State of Emergency to remain in effect for thirty days from the twelfth day of July, Two Thousand Fifteen, unless terminated earlier by subsequent Proclamation. In response to this State of Emergency, I have **INVOKED** the emergency powers set forth in section six, article five, chapter fifteen of the Code of West Virginia; **UTILIZED** the Emergency Operations Plan, as necessary;

ORDERED appropriate personnel and resources to mobilize and respond to the emergency; and **DELEGATED** certain administrative powers to the Director of the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, as necessary, to facilitate the provision of essential emergency services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the thirteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen, in the One Hundred Fifty-Third year of the State.



GOVERNOR



By the State



SECRETARY OF STATE